

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

Complete if Known

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet 1 of 10

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
asa		US-3,598,108	08-10-1971	JAMSHIDI ET AL.
		US-3,886,944	06-03-1975	JAMSHIDI
		US-3,976,082	08-24-1976	SCHMITT
		US-4,033,357	07-05-1977	HELLAND ET AL.
		US-4,045,056	08-30-1977	KANDAKOV ET AL.
		US-4,073,287	02-14-1978	BRADLEY ET AL.
		US-4,244,371	01-13-1981	FARIN
		US-4,312,364	01-26-1982	CONVERT ET AL.
		US-4,409,993	10-18-1983	FURIHATA
		US-4,416,276	11-22-1983	NEWTON ET AL.
		US-4,445,892	05-01-1984	HUSSEIN ET AL.
		US-4,448,198	05-15-1984	TURNER
		US-4,462,412	07-31-1984	TURNER
		US-4,465,079	08-14-1984	DICKHUDT
		US-4,476,872	10-16-1984	PERLIN
		US-4,494,539	01-22-1985	ZENITANI ET AL.
		US-4,564,200	01-14-1986	LORING ET AL.
		US-4,583,556	04-22-1986	HINES ET AL.
		US-4,601,296	07-22-1986	YERUSHALMI
		US-4,611,604	09-16-1986	BOTVIDSSON ET AL.
		US-4,640,983	02-03-1987	COMTE
		US-4,641,646	02-10-1987	SCHULTZ ET AL.
		US-4,655,219	04-07-1987	PETRUSZI
		US-4,657,015	04-14-1987	IRNICH
		US-4,763,668	08-16-1988	MACEK ET AL.
		US-4,785,815	11-22-1988	COHEN
		US-4,800,899	01-31-1989	ELLIOTT
		US-4,825,880	05-02-1989	STAUFFER ET AL.
		US-4,841,988	06-27-1989	FETTER ET AL.
		US-4,841,990	06-27-1989	KIKUCHI ET AL.
		US-4,881,543	11-21-1989	TREMBLY ET AL.
		US-4,891,483	01-02-1990	KIKUCHI ET AL.

Examiner
Signature

Amanda S Adams

Date
Considered

3/30/04

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1481142.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Complete if Known Application No. 10/602,372 Filing Date June 23, 2003 First Named Inventor Dany Berube Art Unit 3731 Examiner Name Gary Jackson Amanda Adams Attorney Docket Number 23488-09191	
Sheet	2	of	10

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		US-4,924,863	05-15-1990	STERZER
		US-4,945,912	08-07-1990	LANGBERG
		US-5,007,437	04-16-1991	STERZER
		US-5,019,076	05-28-1991	YAMANASHI ET AL.
		US-5,044,375	09-03-1991	BACH, JR. ET AL.
		US-5,057,106	10-15-1991	KASEVICH ET AL.
		US-5,085,659	02-04-1992	RYDELL
		US-5,097,845	03-24-1992	FETTER ET AL.
		US-5,100,388	03-31-1992	BEHL ET AL.
		US-5,104,393	04-14-1992	ISNER ET AL.
		US-5,114,403	05-19-1992	CLARKE ET AL.
		US-5,150,717	09-29-1992	ROSEN ET AL.
		US-5,171,255	12-15-1992	RYDELL
		US-5,172,699	12-22-1992	SVENSON ET AL.
		US-5,188,122	02-23-1993	PHIPPS ET AL.
		US-5,190,054	03-02-1993	FETTER ET AL.
		US-5,192,278	03-09-1993	HAYES ET AL.
		US-5,207,672	05-04-1993	ROTH ET AL.
		US-5,230,349	07-27-1993	LANGBERG
		US-5,248,312	09-28-1993	LANGBERG
		US-5,295,955	03-22-1994	ROSEN ET AL.
		US-5,300,068	04-05-1994	ROSAR ET AL.
		US-5,300,099	04-05-1994	RUDIE
		US-5,301,687	04-12-1994	WONG ET AL.
		US-5,304,207	04-19-1994	STROMER
		US-5,334,168	08-02-1994	HEMMER
		US-5,344,431	09-06-1994	MERRITT ET AL.
		US-5,358,515	10-25-1994	HURTER ET AL.
		US-5,364,336	11-15-1994	CARR
		US-5,364,352	11-15-1994	CIMINO ET AL.
		US-5,364,392	11-15-1994	WARNER ET AL.
		US-5,369,251	11-29-1994	KING ET AL.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/30/00
--------------------	--	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Complete if Known	
				Application No.	10/602,372
				Filing Date	June 23, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
				Art Unit	3731
				Examiner Name	Gary Jackson <i>Amanda Adams</i>
Sheet <u>3</u> of <u>10</u>				Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
<i>asa</i>		US-5,370,675	12-06-1994	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,370,677	12-06-1994	RUDIE ET AL.
		US-5,370,678	12-06-1994	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,374,287	12-20-1994	RUBIN
		US-5,376,094	12-27-1994	KLINE
		US-5,383,922	01-24-1995	ZIPES ET AL.
		US-5,391,147	02-21-1995	IMRAN ET AL.
		US-5,397,304	03-14-1995	TRUCKAI
		US-5,398,683	03-21-1995	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,405,375	04-11-1995	AYERS ET AL.
		US-5,417,208	05-23-1995	WINKLER
		US-5,431,649	07-11-1995	MULIER ET AL.
		US-5,445,193	08-29-1995	KOENINGER ET AL.
		US-5,450,846	09-19-1995	GOLDREYER
		US-5,452,733	09-26-1995	STERMAN ET AL.
		US-5,454,370	10-03-1995	AVITALL
		US-5,454,733	10-03-1995	WATANABE ET AL.
		US-5,462,544	10-31-1995	SAKSENA ET AL.
		US-5,462,545	10-31-1995	WANG ET AL.
		US-5,470,308	11-28-1995	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,484,433	01-16-1996	TAYLOR ET AL.
		US-5,487,757	01-30-1996	TRUCKAI ET AL.
		US-5,494,039	02-27-1996	ONIK ET AL.
		US-5,496,271	03-05-1996	BURTON ET AL.
		US-5,507,743	04-16-1996	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,514,131	05-07-1996	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,529,820	06-25-1996	NOMI ET AL.
		US-5,531,677	07-02-1996	LUNDQUIST ET AL.
		US-5,545,193	08-13-1996	FLEISCHMAN ET AL.
		US-5,545,200	08-13-1996	WEST ET AL.
		US-5,549,644	08-27-1996	LUNDQUIST ET AL.
		US-5,569,242	10-29-1996	LAX ET AL.

Examiner Signature	<i>Amanda S. Adams</i>	Date Considered	<i>3/30/06</i>
-----------------------	------------------------	--------------------	----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1481142.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet 4 of 10

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
asa		US-5,571,215	11-05-1996	STERMAN ET AL.
		US-5,578,030	11-26-1996	LEVIN
		US-5,593,405	01-14-1997	OSYPKA
		US-5,599,295	02-04-1997	ROSEN ET AL.
		US-5,603,697	02-18-1997	GRUNDY ET AL.
		US-5,607,389	03-04-1997	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,628,771	05-13-1997	MIZUKAWA ET AL.
		US-5,630,837	05-20-1997	CROWLEY
		US-5,640,955	06-24-1997	OCKULY ET AL.
		US-5,643,255	07-01-1997	ORGAN
		US-5,673,694	10-07-1997	RIVERS
		US-5,683,382	11-04-1997	LENIHAN ET AL.
		US-5,683,384	11-04-1997	GOUGH ET AL.
		US-5,693,082	12-02-1997	WARNER ET AL.
		US-5,697,928	12-16-1997	WALCOTT ET AL.
		US-5,720,718	02-24-1998	ROSEN ET AL.
		US-5,725,523	03-10-1998	MUELLER
		US-5,733,280	03-31-1998	AVITALL
		US-5,737,384	04-07-1998	FENN
		US-5,741,225	04-21-1998	LAX ET AL.
		US-5,741,249	04-21-1998	MOSS ET AL.
		US-5,743,239	04-28-1998	IWASE
		US-5,755,760	05-26-1998	MAGUIRE ET AL.
		US-5,762,626	06-09-1998	LUNDQUIST ET AL.
		US-5,769,846	06-23-1998	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,782,747	07-21-1998	ZIMMON
		US-5,782,828	07-21-1998	CHEN ET AL.
		US-5,785,706	07-28-1998	BEDNAREK
		US-5,785,707	07-28-1998	BOYD ET AL.
		US-5,788,692	08-04-1998	CAMPBELL ET AL.
		US-5,797,905	08-25-1998	FLEISCHMAN ET AL.
		US-5,800,378	09-01-1998	EDWARDS ET AL.

Examiner Signature	<i>Amanda Adams</i>	Date Considered	3/30/06
--------------------	---------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.


¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1481142.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1448A/PTO				Complete if Known Application No. 10/602,372 Filing Date June 23, 2003 First Named Inventor Dany Berube Art Unit 3731 Examiner Name Gary Jackson Amanda Adams Attorney Docket Number 23488-09191	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT					
Sheet	5	of	10		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
ase		US-5,800,379	09-01-1998	EDWARDS
		US-5,800,413	09-01-1998	SWARTZ ET AL.
		US-5,800,482	09-01-1998	POMERANZ ET AL.
		US-5,807,309	09-15-1998	LUNDQUIST ET AL.
		US-5,807,395	09-15-1998	MULIER ET AL.
		US-5,810,803	09-22-1998	MOSS ET AL.
		US-5,814,028	09-29-1998	SWARTZ ET AL.
		US-5,823,197	10-20-1998	EDWARDS
		US-5,823,955	10-20-1998	KUCK ET AL.
		US-5,826,576	10-27-1998	WEST
		US-5,829,447	11-03-1998	STEVENS ET AL.
		US-5,836,990	11-17-1998	LI
		US-5,840,027	11-24-1998	SWARTZ ET AL.
		US-5,843,026	12-01-1998	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,843,171	12-01-1998	CAMPBELL ET AL.
		US-5,853,366	12-29-1998	DOWLATSHAHI
		US-5,855,614	01-05-1999	STEVENS ET AL.
		US-5,861,021	01-19-1999	THOME ET AL.
		US-5,863,290	01-26-1999	GOUGH ET AL.
		US-5,871,481	02-16-1999	KANNENBERG ET AL.
		US-5,871,525	02-16-1999	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,904,709	05-18-1999	ARNDT ET AL.
		US-5,919,188	07-06-1999	SHEARON ET AL.
		US-5,921,924	07-13-1999	AVITALL
		US-5,924,424	07-20-1999	STEVENS ET AL.
		US-5,938,692	08-17-1999	RUDIE
		US-5,954,662	09-21-1999	SWANSON ET AL.
		US-5,957,842	09-28-1999	LITTMANN ET AL.
		US-5,957,969	09-28-1999	WARNER ET AL.
		US-5,964,727	10-12-1999	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US-5,964,732	10-12-1999	WILLARD
		US-5,964,756	10-12-1999	McGAFFIGAN ET AL.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/30/06
-----------------------	---	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

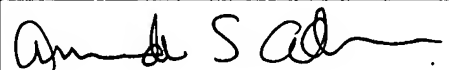
¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1481142.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Complete If Known	
				Application No.	10/602,372
				Filing Date	June 23, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
				Art Unit	3731
				Examiner Name	Gary Jackson <u>Amanda Adams</u>
Sheet 6 of 10				Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
asa		US-6,012,457	01-11-2000	LESH
		US-6,016,811	01-25-2000	KNOPP ET AL.
		US-6,016,848	01-25-2000	EGRES, JR.
		US-6,027,501	02-22-2000	GOBLE ET AL.
		US-6,032,077	02-29-2000	POMERANZ
		US-6,056,735	05-02-2000	OKADA ET AL.
		US-6,068,628	05-30-2000	FANTON ET AL.
		US-6,076,012	06-13-2000	SWANSON ET AL.
		US-6,090,104	07-18-2000	WEBSTER, Jr.
		US-6,090,105	07-18-2000	ZEPEDA ET AL.
		US-6,097,985	08-01-2000	KASEVICH ET AL.
		US-6,102,886	08-15-2000	LUNDQUIST ET AL.
		US-6,106,524	08-22-2000	EGGERS ET AL.
		US-6,146,378	11-14-2000	MUKUS ET AL.
		US-6,161,543	12-19-2000	COX ET AL.
		US-6,162,216	12-19-2000	GUZIAK ET AL.
		US-6,164,283	12-26-2000	LESH
		US-6,178,354 B1	01-23-2001	GIBSON
		US-6,190,382 B1	02-20-2001	ORMSBY ET AL.
		US-6,224,587 B1	05-01-2001	GIBSON
		US-6,233,490 B1	05-15-2001	KASEVICH
		US-6,235,796 B1	05-22-2001	NIAZI
		US-6,237,605 B1	05-29-2001	VASKA ET AL.
		US-6,251,128 B1	06-26-2001	KNOPP ET AL.
		US-6,277,113 B1	08-21-2001	BERUBE
		US-6,289,249 B1	09-11-2001	ARNDT ET AL.
		US-6,306,132 B1	10-23-2001	MOORMAN ET AL.
		US-6,309,388 B1	10-30-2001	FOWLER
		US-6,311,692 B1	11-06-2001	VASKA ET AL.
		US-6,314,962 B1	11-13-2001	VASKA ET AL.
		US-6,314,963 B1	11-13-2001	VASKA ET AL.
		US-6,325,796 B1	12-04-2001	BERUBE ET AL.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/30/06
--------------------	---	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1481142.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet 7 of 10

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
AS		US-6,325,797 B1	12-04-2001	STEWART ET AL.
		US-6,355,033 B1	03-12-2002	MOORMAN ET AL.
		US-6,364,876 B1	04-02-2002	ERB ET AL.
		US-6,383,182 B1	05-07-2002	BERUBE ET AL.
		US-6,471,696 B1	10-29-2002	BERUBE ET AL.
		US-6,474,340 B1	11-05-2002	VASKA ET AL.
		US-6,484,727 B1	11-26-2002	VASKA ET AL.
		US-6,514,246 B1	02-04-2003	SWANSON ET AL.
		US-6,517,568 B1	02-11-2003	SHARKEY ET AL.
		US-6,527,767 B2	03-04-2003	WANG ET AL.
		US-6,527,768 B2	03-04-2003	BERUBE
		US-6,533,780 B1	03-18-2003	LAIRD ET AL.
		US-6,645,200 B1	11-11-2003	KOBLISH ET AL.
		US-6,673,068 B1	01-06-2004	BERUBE
		US-6,802,840	10/12/2004	FATT et al.
		US 2001/0031961 A1	11-18-2001	HOOVEN
		US 2001/0039416 A1	11-08-2001	MOORMAN ET AL.
		US 2002/0001655 A1	01-03-2002	KUECHLE ET AL.
		US 2002/0058932 A1	05-16-2002	MOORMAN ET AL.
		US 2002/0087151 A1	07-04-2002	MODY ET AL.
		US 2002/0111613 A1	08-15-2002	BERUBE
		US 2002/0128642 a1	09-12-2002	BERUBE ET AL.
		US 2002/0193783 A1	12-19-2002	GAUTHIER ET AL.
		US 2002/0193786 A1	12-19-2002	BERUBE ET AL.
		US 2003/0014046 A1	01-16-2003	EDWARDS ET AL.
		US 2003/0069575 A1	04-10-2003	FATT ET AL.
		US 2003/0073988 A1	04-17-2003	BERUBE ET AL.
		US 2003/0083654 A1	05-01-2003	FATT ET AL.
		US 2003/0109868 A1	06-12-2003	FATT ET AL.
		US 2003/0125725 A1	07-03-2003	WOODARD ET AL.
		US 2003/0163128 A1	08-28-2003	PATIL ET AL.
		US 2003/0050631 A1	03-13-2003	MODY ET AL.

Examiner
Signature

Amanda S. Adams

Date
Considered

3/30/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1481142.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Application No.	10/602,372
		Filing Date	June 23, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
		Art Unit	3731
		Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
		Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191
Sheet	8	of	10

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
asa		US 2003/0050630 A1	03-13-2003	MODY ET AL.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶
asa		EP0738501 B1	05-24-2000	OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD.	
		EP0839547 B1	09-24-2003	C.R.BARD, INC.	
		EP1005838 A1	06-07-2000	CORDIS WEBSTER, INC.	
		EP1042990 A1	10-11-2000	MEDTRONIC, INC.	
		EP1118310 A1	07-25-2001	AFX, INC.	
		WO93/08757	05-13-1993	EP TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	
		WO93/15664	08-19-1993	AMERICAN MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.	
		WO93/20767	10-28-1993	EP TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	
		WO93/20768	10-28-1993	EP TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	
		WO93/20886	10-28-1993	EP TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	
		WO93/20893	10-28-1993	EP TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	
		WO96/35496	11-14-1996	JOCHELSON	
		WO96/36397	11-21-1996	ARROW INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CORP.	
		WO97/42893	11-20-1997	MORGAN	
		WO98/06341	02-19-1998	UNITED STATES SURGICAL CORPORATION	
		WO98/17185	04-30-1998	PLC MEDICAL SYSTEMS, INC.	
		WO98/17187	04-30-1998	HEARTPORT, INC.	
		WO98/44857	10-15-1998	GOLDBERG	
		WO99/08613	02-25-1999	SOMNUS MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	
		WO99/34860	07-15-1999	RADIONICS, INC.	
		WO00/24463	05-04-2000	FIDUS MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY CORP.	
		WO00/35363	06-22-2000	ORMSBY	
		WO00/56239	09-28-2000	ENDOCARE, INC.	
		WO01/05306 A1	01-25-2001	EPICOR, INC.	
		WO02/01655 A2	01-03-2002	THE GILLETTE COMPANY	

Examiner Signature	<i>Ruth S. Cal</i>	Date Considered	3/30/04
--------------------	--------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

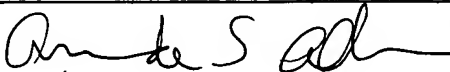
¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Application No.	10/602,372
		Filing Date	June 23, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
		Art Unit	3731
		Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
		Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191
Sheet	9	of	10

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ – Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶
asa		WO02/38052 A2	05-16-2002	BOSTON SCIENTIFIC LIMITED	

OTHER REFERENCES – NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶	
asa		"Biopsy Needles Liver, Kidney and Soft Tissue Biopsy Menghini Technique Aspiring Needle Set," Popper & Sons, Inc., Biomedical Instrument Division		
		ANDRIOLE et al., "Biopsy Needle Characteristics Assessed in the Laboratory," Radiology, Volume 148, No. 3, September 1983, pp. 659-662		
		ARENDT-NIELSEN et al., "Selectivity of Spatial Filters for Surface EMG Detection from the Tibialis Anterior Muscle," [online], © 2000 [retrieved November 23, 2003], 2 pages, Retrieved from the Internet: <URL: http://www.lisin.polito.it/english/annual_reports/ar2002_uk/19uk.htm		
		CHENG, "Field and Wave Electromagnetics," 1989, Addison Wesley Publishing Co., Inc., pp. 485-509		
		GOTTLIEB et al., "Interstitial Microwave Hyperthermia Applicators Having Submillimetre Diameters," Int. J. Hyperthermia, Volume 6, No. 3, 1990, pp. 707-714		
		KNAUT et al., "Interoperative Microwave Ablation for Curative Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation in Open Heart Surgery – The MICRO-STAF and MICRO-PASS Pilot Trial," Thorac.Cardiovasc.Surg. 47 (Supplement), 1999, pp. 379-384		
		LABONTE et al., "Monopole Antennas for Microwave Catheter Ablation," IEEE Transactions on Microwave Theory and Techniques, Volume 44, No. 10, October 1996, pp. 1832-1840		
		LANGBERG et al., "Catheter Ablation of the Atrioventricular Junction Using a Helical Microwave Antenna: A Novel Means of Coupling Energy to Endocardium," Pace, Volume 14, December 1991, pp. 2105-2113		
		LIEM et al., "Microwave Linear Ablation of the Isthmus Between the Inferior Vena Cava and Tricuspid Annulus," Pace, Volume 21, November 1998, pp. 2079-2086		
		MATSUKAWA et al., "Percutaneous Microwave Coagulation Therapy In Liver Tumors: A 3-Year Experience," Acta Radiologica, Vol. 38, 1997, pp. 410-415		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/30/06
--------------------	---	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1481142.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Application No.	10/602,372
				Filing Date	June 23, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
				Art Unit	3731
				Examiner Name	Gary Jackson <i>Amanda Adams</i>
Sheet	10	of	10	Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

OTHER REFERENCES - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²
<i>ad</i>		MURAKAMI et al., "Treatment of Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Value of Percutaneous Microwave Coagulation," American Journal of Roentgenology, Volume 164, No. 5, May 1995, pp.1159-1164	
<i> </i>		SATO et al., "Microwave Coagulation Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma," Gastroenterology, Volume 110, No. 5, May 1996, pp. 1507-1514	
<i> </i>		SATO et al., "Two Long-Term Survivors After Microwave Coagulation Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: A Case Report," Hepatogastroenterology, Volume 43, No. 10, July 1996, pp. 1035-1039	
<i>↓</i>		SEKI et al., "Ultrasonically Guided Percutaneous Microwave Coagulation Therapy for Small Hepatocellular Carcinoma," Cancer, Volume 74, No. 3, August 1, 1994, pp.817-825	

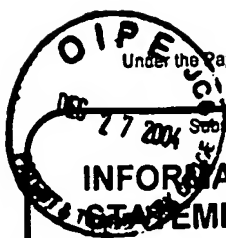
Examiner Signature	<i>Amanda S Adams</i>	Date Considered	<i>3/30/06</i>
--------------------	-----------------------	-----------------	----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1481142.1



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Sheet 1 of 11

Complete if Known

Application No. 10/602,372
 Filing Date June 23, 2003
 First Named Inventor Dany Berube
 Art Unit 3731
 Examiner Name Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
 Attorney Docket Number 23488-09191

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
asa		US 2001/0031961 A1	10-18-2001	Hooven
		US 2002/0017306 A1	02-14-2002	Cox et al.
		US 2002/0032440 A1	03-14-2002	Hooven et al.
		US 2002/0042610 A1	04-11-2002	Sliwa, Jr., et al.
		US 2002/0042611 A1	04-11-2002	Sliwa et al.
		US 2002/0045895 A1	04-18-2002	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 2002/0087157 A1	07-04-2002	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 2002/0091382 A1	07-11-2002	Hooven
		US 2002/0091383 A1	07-11-2002	Hooven
		US 2002/0091384 A1	07-11-2002	Hooven et al.
		US 2002/0103484 A1	08-01-2002	Hooven
		US 2002/0107513 A1	08-08-2002	Hooven
		US 2002/0107514 A1	08-08-2002	Hooven
		US 2002/0115993 A1	08-22-2002	Hooven
		US 2002/0120263 A1	08-29-2002	Brown et al.
		US 2002/0120267 A1	08-29-2002	Phan
		US 2002/0120316 A1	08-29-2002	Hooven et al.
		US 2002/0128639 A1	09-12-2002	Pless et al.
		US 2002/0173784 A1	11-21-2002	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 2003/0024537 A1	02-06-2003	Cox et al.
		US 2003/0028187 A1	02-06-2003	Vaska et al.
		US 2003/0029462 A1	02-13-2003	Cox et al.
		US 2003/0032952 A1	02-13-2003	Hooven
		US 2003/0065327 A1	04-03-2003	Wellman et al.
		US 2003/0069572 A1	04-10-2003	Wellman et al.
		US 2003/0069574 A1	04-10-2003	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 2003/0069577 A1	04-10-2003	Vaska et al.
		US 2003/0073992 A1	04-17-2003	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 2003/0078571 A1	04-24-2003	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 2003/0079753 A1	05-01-2003	Vaska et al.
		US 2003/0093068 A1	05-15-2003	Hooven
		US 2002/0095145 A1	07-18-2002	Holzappel Lee A et al.

Examiner Signature	Amanda S. Adams	Date Considered	3/30/06
--------------------	-----------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Sheet 2 of 11

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson <i>Amanda Adams</i>
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
<i>asa</i>		US 2003/0097126 A1	05-22-2003	Woloszko et al.
		US 2003/0125666 A1	07-03-2003	Kasahara et al.
		US 2003/0125729 A1	07-03-2003	Hooven et al.
		US 2003/0136951 A1	07-24-2003	Hung
		US 2003/0158547 A1	08-21-2003	Phan
		US 2003/0158548 A1	08-21-2003	Phan et al.
		US 2003/0171745 A1	09-11-2003	Francischelli et al.
		US 2003/0176764 A1	09-18-2003	Fiegel et al.
		US 2003/0181907 A1	09-25-2003	Lindsay
		US 2004/0002045 A1	01-01-2004	Wellman et al.
		US 2004/0044340 A1	03-04-2004	Francischelli et al.
		US 2004/0049179 A1	03-11-2004	Francischelli et al.
		US 2004/0049208 A1	03-11-2004	Hill et al.
		US 2004/0068274 A1	04-08-2004	Hooven
		US 2004/0092990 A1	05-13-2004	Opie et al.
		US 2004/0106918 A1	06-03-2004	Cox et al.
		US 1,586,645	06-01-1926	W. Bierman
		US 3,827,436	08-06-1974	Stumpf et al.
		US 3,831,607	08-27-1974	Lindemann
		US 4,011,872	03-15-1977	Komiya
		US 4,268,937	05-26-1981	Grimshaw
		US 4,522,212	06-11-1985	Gelinas et al.
		US 4,565,200	01-21-1986	Cosman
		US 4,573,473	03-04-1986	Hess
		US 4,660,571	04-28-1987	Hess et al.
		US 4,681,122	07-21-1987	Winters et al.
		US 4,685,459	08-11-1987	Koch et al.
		US 4,699,147	10-13-1987	Chilson et al.
		US 4,700,716	10-20-1987	Kasevich et al.
		US 4,832,048	05-23-1989	Cohen
		US 4,920,978	05-01-1990	Colvin
<i>✓</i>		US 4,924,864	05-15-1990	Danzig

Examiner Signature	<i>Amada SCA</i>	Date Considered	<i>3/30/06</i>
-----------------------	------------------	--------------------	----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04 ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1448A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Sheet 3 of 11

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number – Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
asa		US 4,932,420	06-12-1990	Goldstein
		US 4,938,217	07-03-1990	Lele
		US 4,945,912	08-07-1990	Langberg
		US 4,960,134	10-02-1990	Webster, Jr.
		US 4,966,597	10-30-1990	Cosman
		US 4,976,711	12-11-1990	Parins et al.
		US 5,078,713	01-07-1992	Varney
		US 5,080,101	01-14-1992	Dory
		US 5,080,102	01-14-1992	Dory
		US 5,108,390	04-28-1992	Potocky et al.
		US 5,111,822	05-12-1992	Dory
		US 5,139,496	08-18-1992	Hed
		US 5,147,355	09-15-1992	Friedman et al.
		US 5,147,357	09-15-1992	Rose et al.
		US 5,156,151	10-20-1992	Imran
		US 5,158,092	10-27-1992	Glance
		US 5,207,674	05-04-1993	Hamilton
		US 5,222,501	06-29-1993	Ideker et al.
		US 5,230,334	07-27-1993	Klopotek
		US 5,242,441	09-07-1993	Avitall
		US 5,263,493	11-23-1993	Avitall
		US 5,281,213	01-25-1994	Milder et al.
		US 5,281,215	01-25-1994	Milder
		US 5,281,217	01-25-1994	Edwards et al.
		US 5,293,869	03-15-1994	Edwards et al.
		US 5,295,484	03-22-1994	Marcus et al.
		US 5,313,943	05-24-1994	Houser et al.
		US 5,318,525	06-07-1994	West et al.
		US 5,323,781	06-28-1994	Ideker et al.
		US 5,327,889	07-12-1994	Imran
		US 5,341,807	08-30-1994	Nardella
		US 5,348,554	09-20-1994	Imran et al.

Examiner Signature	<i>Amanda S. Adams</i>	Date Considered	3/30/06
--------------------	------------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson <i>Amanda Adams</i>
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet 4 of 11

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
<i>ASA</i>		US 5,364,351	11-15-1994	Heinzelman et al.
		US 5,366,490	11-22-1994	Edwards et al.
		US 5,368,592	11-29-1994	Stern et al.
		US 5,383,876	01-24-1995	Nardella
		US 5,402,772	04-04-1995	Moll et al.
		US 5,405,376	04-11-1995	Mulier et al.
		US 5,415,656	05-16-1995	Tihon et al.
		US 5,423,807	06-13-1995	Milder
		US 5,437,665	08-01-1995	Munro
		US 5,439,006	08-08-1995	Brennen et al.
		US 5,443,489	08-22-1995	Ben-Haim
		US 5,452,733	09-26-1995	Sterman et al.
		US 5,464,404	11-07-1995	Abela et al.
		US 5,482,037	01-09-1996	Borghi
		US 5,492,126	02-20-1996	Hennige et al.
		US 5,496,312	03-05-1996	Klicek
		US 5,500,012	03-19-1996	Brucker et al.
		US 5,520,188	05-28-1996	Hennige et al.
		US 5,536,247	07-16-1996	Thornton
		US 5,540,681	07-30-1996	Strul et al.
		US 5,540,684	07-30-1996	Hassler, Jr.
		US 5,549,638	08-27-1996	Burdette
		US 5,549,661	08-27-1996	Kordis et al.
		US 5,575,766	11-19-1996	Swartz et al.
		US 5,575,810	11-19-1996	Swanson et al.
		US 5,578,067	11-26-1996	Ekwall et al.
		US 5,581,905	12-10-1996	Huelsman et al.
		US 5,584,830	12-17-1996	Ladd et al.
		US 5,590,657	01-07-1997	Cain et al.
		US 5,599,346 A	02-04-1997	Baker James et al.
		US 5,606,974	03-04-1997	Castellano et al.
		US 5,658,280	08-19-1997	Issa

Examiner
Signature*Amanda S. Adams*Date
Considered*3/30/00*

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson <i>Amanda Adams</i>
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet 5 of 11

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
<i>ase</i>		US 5,672,172	09-30-1997	Zupkas
		US 5,672,174	09-30-1997	Gough et al.
		US 5,673,695	10-07-1997	McGee et al.
		US 5,676,692	10-14-1997	Sanghvi et al.
		US 5,676,693	10-14-1997	LaFontaine
		US 5,681,308	10-28-1997	Edwards et al.
		US 5,687,723	11-18-1997	Avitall
		US 5,688,267	11-18-1997	Panescu et al.
		US 5,693,078	12-02-1997	Desai et al.
		US 5,694,701	12-09-1997	Huelsman et al.
		US 5,707,369	01-13-1998	Vaitekunas et al.
		US 5,718,226	02-17-1998	Riza
		US 5,718,241	02-17-1998	Ben-Haim et al.
		US 5,720,775	02-24-1998	Larnard
		US 5,730,127	03-24-1998	Avitall
		US 5,733,281	03-31-1998	Nardella
		US 5,735,280	04-07-1998	Sherman et al.
		US 5,738,096	04-14-1998	Ben-Haim
		US 5,762,066	06-09-1998	Law et al.
		US 5,769,790	06-23-1998	Watkins et al.
		US 5,797,960	08-25-1998	Stevens et al.
		US 5,800,428	09-01-1998	Nelson et al.
		US 5,823,956	10-20-1998	Roth et al.
		US 5,823,962	10-20-1998	Schaetzle et al.
		US 5,827,216	10-27-1998	Igo et al.
		US 5,836,947	11-17-1998	Fleischman et al.
		US 5,840,030	11-24-1998	Ferek-Petric et al.
		US 5,842,037	11-24-1998	Haartsen
		US 5,843,075	12-01-1998	Taylor
		US 5,846,238	12-08-1998	Jackson et al.
		US 5,852,860	12-29-1998	Lorraine et al.
		US 5,853,368	12-29-1998	Solomon et al.

Examiner Signature	<i>Amanda S. Adams</i>	Date Considered	3/30/06
-----------------------	------------------------	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson <i>Armanda Adams</i>
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet 6 of 11

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
<i>ase</i>		US 5,860,920	01-19-1999	McGee et al.
		US 5,868,737	02-09-1999	Taylor et al.
		US 5,873,828	02-23-1999	Fujio et al.
		US 5,873,896	02-23-1999	Ideker
		US 5,882,302	03-16-1999	Driscoll, Jr. et al.
		US 5,885,278	03-23-1999	Fleischman
		US 5,895,355	04-20-1999	Schaer
		US 5,897,553	04-27-1999	Mulier et al.
		US 5,897,554	04-27-1999	Chia et al.
		US 5,899,899	05-04-1999	Arless et al.
		US 5,906,580	05-25-1999	Kline-Schoder et al.
		US 5,910,129	06-08-1999	Koblish et al.
		US 5,916,213	06-29-1999	Haissaguerre et al.
		US 5,931,810	08-03-1999	Grabek
		US 5,938,600	08-17-1999	Van Vaals et al.
		US 5,938,612	08-17-1999	Kline-Schoder et al.
		US 5,954,665	09-21-1999	Ben-Haim
		US 5,978,714	11-02-1999	Zadini et al.
		US 5,980,697	11-09-1999	Kolb et al.
		US 5,993,389	11-30-1999	Driscoll, Jr. et al.
		US 5,993,445	11-30-1999	Issa
		US 5,993,447	11-30-1999	Blewett et al.
		US 5,995,875	11-30-1999	Blewett et al.
		US 6,002,955	12-14-1999	Willems et al.
		US 6,007,499	12-28-1999	Martin et al.
		US 6,010,516	01-04-2000	Hulka
		US 6,024,740	02-15-2000	Lesh et al.
		US 6,030,382	02-29-2000	Fleischman et al.
		US 6,059,778	05-09-2000	Sherman
		US 6,063,077	05-16-2000	Schaer
		US 6,063,081	05-16-2000	Mulier et al.
		US 6,064,902	05-16-2000	Haissaguerre et al.

Examiner Signature	<i>Armanda S Adams</i>	Date Considered	3/30/01
--------------------	------------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet 7 of 11

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
ade		US 6,066,094	05-23-2000	Ben-Haim
		US 6,068,629	05-30-2000	Haissaguerre et al.
		US 6,071,274	06-06-2000	Thompson et al.
		US 6,071,281	06-06-2000	Burnside et al.
		US 6,083,159	07-04-2000	Driscoll, Jr. et al.
		US 6,106,517	08-22-2000	Zupkas
		US 6,106,521	08-22-2000	Blewett et al.
		US 6,106,522	08-22-2000	Fleischman et al.
		US 6,117,101	09-12-2000	Diederich et al.
		US 6,119,041	09-12-2000	Pomeranz et al.
		US 6,135,971	10-24-2000	Hutchinson et al.
		US 6,142,994	11-07-2000	Swanson et al.
		US 6,146,379	11-14-2000	Fleischman et al.
		US 6,152,920	11-28-2000	Thompson et al.
		US 6,165,174	12-26-2000	Jacobs et al.
		US 6,174,309 B1	01-16-2001	Wrublewski et al.
		US 6,182,664 B1	02-06-2001	Cosgrove
		US 6,200,315 B1	03-13-2001	Gaiser et al.
		US 6,206,831 B1	03-27-2001	Suorsa et al.
		US 6,210,356 B1	04-03-2001	Anderson et al.
		US 6,216,027 B1	04-10-2001	Willis et al.
		US 6,217,530 B1	04-17-2001	Martin et al.
		US 6,217,573 B1	04-17-2001	Webster Wilton W.
		US 6,231,518 B1	05-15-2001	Grabek et al.
		US 6,235,025 B1	05-22-2001	Swartz et al.
		US 6,241,722 B1	06-05-2001	Dobak et al.
		US 6,241,728 B1	06-05-2001	Gaiser et al.
		US 6,241,754 B1	06-05-2001	Swanson et al.
		US 6,273,887 B1	08-14-2001	Yamauchi et al.
		US 6,283,955 B1	09-04-2001	Pacala et al.
		US 6,290,699 B1	09-18-2001	Hall et al.
		US 6,302,880 B1	10-16-2001	Schaer

Examiner Signature	Amanda Sade	Date Considered	3/30/04
--------------------	-------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Complete if Known

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet 8 of 11

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
AAS		US 6,312,425 B1	11-06-2001	Simpson et al.
		US 6,314,963 B1	11-13-2001	Vaska et al.
		US 6,315,741 B1	11-13-2001	Martin et al.
		US 6,332,881 B1	12-25-2001	Carner et al.
		US 6,346,104 B2	02-12-2002	Daly et al.
		US 6,356,790 B1	03-12-2002	Maguire et al.
		US 6,358,248 B1	03-19-2002	Mulier et al.
		US 6,361,531 B1	03-26-2002	Hissong
		US 6,379,348 B1	04-30-2002	Onik
		US 6,402,556 B1	06-11-2002	Lang et al.
		US 6,413,254 B1	07-02-2002	Hissong et al.
		US 6,423,057 B1	07-23-2002	He et al.
		US 6,423,059 B1	07-23-2002	Hanson et al.
		US 6,428,538 B1	08-06-2002	Blewett et al.
		US 6,430,426 B2	08-06-2002	Avitall
		US 6,432,067 B1	08-13-2002	Martin et al.
		US 6,432,069 B1	08-13-2002	Godo et al.
		US 6,433,464 B2	08-13-2002	Jones
		US 6,454,758 B1	09-24-2002	Thompson et al.
		US 6,461,314 B1	10-08-2002	Pant et al.
		US 6,464,700 B1	10-15-2002	Koblish et al.
		US 6,467,138 B1	10-22-2002	Aimé
		US 6,471,697 B1	10-29-2002	Lesh
		US 6,475,179 B1	11-05-2002	Wang et al.
		US 6,488,639 B1	12-03-2002	Ribault et al.
		US 6,488,679	12-03-2001	Swanson et al.
		US 6,488,680 B1	12-03-2002	Francischelli et al.
		US 6,490,474 B1	12-03-2002	Willis et al.
		US 6,500,133 B2	12-31-2002	Martin et al.
		US 6,502,575 B1	01-07-2003	Jacobs et al.
		US 6,508,774 B1	01-21-2003	Acker et al.
		US 6,511,478	01-28-2003	Burnside et al.

Examiner
Signature

Amanda S. Adams

Date
Considered

3/3/03

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1448A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Sheet 9 of 11

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
ase		US 6,514,249 B1	02-04-2003	Maguire et al.
		US 6,517,536 B2	02-11-2003	Hooven et al.
		US 6,526,320 B2	02-25-2003	Mitchell
		US 6,529,756 B1	03-04-2003	Phan et al.
		US 6,537,224 B2	03-25-2003	Mauchamp et al.
		US 6,542,781 B1	04-01-2003	Koblish et al.
		US 6,546,935 B2	04-15-2003	Hooven
		US 6,576,875 B1	06-10-2003	Kleffner et al.
		US 6,584,360 B2	06-24-2003	Francischelli et al.
		US 6,586,040 B1	07-01-2003	Von Falkenhausen
		US 6,610,055	08-26-2003	Swanson et al.
		US 6,645,202 B1	11-11-2003	Pless et al.
		US 6,648,883 B2	11-18-2003	Francischelli et al.
		US 6,652,513 B2	11-25-2003	Panescu et al.
		US 6,652,518 B2	11-25-2003	Wellman et al.
		US 6,663,627 B2	12-16-2003	Francischelli et al.
		US 6,685,715 B2	02-03-2004	Danitz et al.
		US 6,689,062 B1	02-10-2004	Mesallum
		US 6,689,128 B2	02-10-2004	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 6,692,491 B1	02-17-2004	Phan
		US 6,696,844 B2	02-24-2004	Wong et al.
		US 6,699,240 B2	03-02-2004	Francischelli
		US 6,701,931 B2	03-09-2004	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 6,706,038 B2	03-16-2004	Francischelli et al.
		US 6,709,431 B2	03-23-2004	Lafontaine
		US 6,709,432 B2	03-23-2004	Ferek-Patric
		US 6,719,755 B2	04-13-2004	Sliwa, Jr. et al.
		US 6,723,092 B2	04-20-2004	Brown et al.
		US 6,805,709 B1	10-19-2004	Schaldach et al.
		US 6,805,898 B1	10-19-2004	Wu et al.
		US 6,807,968 B2	10-26-2004	Francischelli et al.
		US 6,808,483 B1	10-26-2004	Ortiz et al.

Examiner
Signature

Amanda Adams

Date
Considered

3/30/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Application No.	10/602,372
				Filing Date	June 23, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
				Art Unit	3731
				Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Sheet	10	of	11	Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
ASG		US 6,808,484 B1	10-26-2004	Peters et al.
		US 6,808,529 B2	10-26-2004	Fulkerson
		US 6,808,536 B2	10-26-2004	Wright et al.
		US 6,808,739 B2	10-26-2004	Sitz et al.
		US Re. 33,590	05-21-1991	Dory

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶
ASG		EP 0358 336 A1	03-14-1990	Boyd, Edward George Charles	
		EP 0628322 A2	12-14-1994	Cordis Europa N.V.	
		EP 0655 225 B1	03-08-2000	Cordis Europa N.V.	
		WO 00/16850	05-31-1995	Epicardia, Inc.	
		WO 01/15616 A1	03-08-2001	Cardima, Inc.	
		WO 01/41664 A	06-14-2001	Cryocath Technologies Inc.	
		WO 01/80755 A2	11-01-2001	Medtronic, Inc.	
		WO 01/82814 A2	11-08-2001	C.R. Bard, INC.	
		WO 02/05722 A1	01-24-2002	Cardiofocus, Inc.	
		WO 02/060523 A2	08-08-2002	Brown, Tony, R.	
		WO 93/24065	12-09-1993	Hed, Aharon, Zeev	
		WO 95/05212	02-23-1995	Electro-Catheter Corporation	
		WO 95/18575	07-13-1995	Vidamed, Inc.	
		WO 96/26675	09-06-1996	Boston Scientific Corporation	
		WO 96/35469 A1	11-14-1996	Kesten et al.	
		WO 97/44092 A	11-27-1997	Somnus Medical Tech Inc.	
		WO 99/04696	02-04-1999	Cardiac CRC Nominees Pty Ltd.	
		WO 99/59486	11-25-1999	New England Medical Center	

Examiner Signature	<i>Amanda SGO</i>	Date Considered	3/30/06
--------------------	-------------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Application No.	10/602,372
				Filing Date	June 23, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
				Art Unit	3731
				Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Sheet	11	of	11	Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
		Foreign Patent Document			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶
OTHER REFERENCES - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published			T ⁶

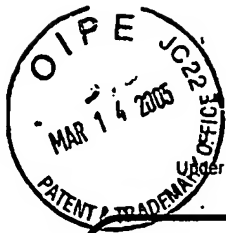
Examiner Signature	<i>Amanda S Adams</i>	Date Considered	<i>3/30/04</i>
-----------------------	-----------------------	--------------------	----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.


23488/09191/DOCS/1491496.1



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Application No.	10/602,372
				Filing Date	June 23, 2003
				First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
				Art Unit	3731
				Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	
na		US-5,571,088	11-05-1996	Lennox et al.	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶

OTHER REFERENCES - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/30/06
-----------------------	---	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application No.	10/602,372
Filing Date	June 23, 2003
First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Gary Jackson Amanda Adams
Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191

Sheet

1

of

JUN 23 2003

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. ² Number - Kind Code ³ (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
JDA ↓		US-6,761,716 B2	07-13-2004	Kadhiresan et al.
		US-6,743,225 B2	06-01-2004	Sanchez et al.
		US-6,740,080 B2	05-25-2004	Jain et al.
		US-6,663,622 B1	12-16-2003	Foley et al.
		US-2003/0004507 A1	01-02-2003	Francischelli

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	T ⁶

OTHER REFERENCES - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶

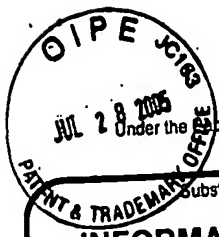
Examiner Signature	Amanda S. Adams	Date Considered	3/30/06
--------------------	-----------------	-----------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809.

Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/01000/DOCS/1496528.1



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Application No.	10/602,372
		Filing Date	June 23, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Dany Berube
		Art Unit	3731
		Examiner Name	Gary Jackson <i>Amanda Adams</i>
Sheet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket Number	23488-09191	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document No. Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
<i>Dea</i>		US-5,207,672	05-1993	Roth et al.
		US-5,454,807	10-1995	Lennox et al.
		US-5,593,404	01-1997	Costello et al.
		US-5,741,249	04-1998	Moss et al.
		US-6,306,124	10-2001	Jones et al.
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document

OTHER REFERENCES - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ⁶

Examiner Signature <i>Amanda S. Adams</i>	Date Considered <i>3/30/06</i>
---	--------------------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.
 Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

23488/09191/DOCS/1508731.1